

NEWS OF INDIANA AND MICHIGAN

CHILD SLAYER CALM
FOLLOWING VERDICT

Muskegon Woman, Convicted
of Daughter's Murder,
Awaits Sentence.

MUSKEGON, Mich., May 24.—Convicted of first degree murder by a jury last night, Mrs. Martha Schrebe Steele, slayer of her 11-year-old stepdaughter, Evelyn Mary, slept profoundly during the night and this morning ate a hearty breakfast.

She appears as cheerful, as self contained and satisfied with her condition as any normal woman. Only once after she heard the verdict has she shown any sign of emotion. That was when Mrs. Philip Lawton, wife of the local Salvation Army captain, passed her the hand in her cell after the verdict last night and said: "Remember, dear, that although your earthly destinies are in the hands of men, your eternal destinies are in the hands of God."

Then she broke down and wept. Five minutes later, when Dr. J. S. Cooper, county physician, gave her a potion to quiet her nerves, she had already calmed.

The sentencing will take place some time next week, the exact hour Judge Sullivan declines to state, at this time. There can be only one sentence—life imprisonment. She will undoubtedly be placed in the Detroit house of correction.

Court is Pleased.
"I am well pleased, you have done your duty," said Judge Sullivan to the jury last night when Foreman Henry Wolff, ex-assistant state fire marshal, announced the verdict. The judge's satisfaction was apparent.

The jury's verdict came in only 17 minutes after it was locked up. The first ballot showed the 12 men unanimous. At this time it was 7:05 o'clock. The judge had ordered the jury locked up for a half hour, but after 15 minutes decided that it might go to supper. When Deputy Sheriff Morey rapped on the door to call the jury for a trip out to a restaurant, Mr. Wolff informed him that they had arrived at a verdict.

Mrs. Steele was hurriedly recalled from the jail, where she was about to be served with supper. The judge, who was starting for home, was recalled. Mrs. Steele's attorneys had already left and could not be reached and the big crowd which attended the trial had melted away. Therefore, only a comparatively small group of people heard the verdict.

Mrs. Steele did not raise her veil and sat rigidly as the words were pronounced. She rose with a firm step and walked back to the waiting automobile which carried her to her cell.

PLAN ELABORATE OUTING

Chicago Hoosiers Will Have Festivities
on Battle Ground.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 24.—The annual outing of the Indiana society of Chicago will be held at Battle Ground, June 26. The outing will be one of the most elaborate in the history of the society and will bring more than 500 visitors to Tippecanoe county. The party will leave Chicago early in the morning on a special train on the Monon and will arrive at Battle Ground before noon.

A luncheon will be served, and immediately afterward, an allegorical Indian play in keeping with the history of the famous ground on which the outing is to be held, will be presented by members of the society, who will appear in Indian costumes. The leading parts will be taken by professional actors, and motion picture cameras will reproduce the play for presentation in all parts of the country.

Thomas R. Marshall, vice president; Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president; and Gov. Samuel M. Ralston will deliver short addresses from the battlefield monument. Indian spears will be erected on the battlefield and there will be a number of Indian ponies to make the scene more realistic.

After the afternoon activities the visitors will come to Lafayette for a dinner party.

INDIANA SOCIETY TO
MEET AT BATTLEGROUND

Chicago Hoosiers Expected to Turn
Out a Thousand Strong
June 26.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 24.—The annual outing of the Indiana society of Chicago will be held at Battleground, eight miles north of Lafayette, on June 26. This has been decided by the committee on entertainment.

Plans for the outing, which is one of the biggest of its kind in the country, have not yet been wholly completed but it is assured that at least 1,000 visitors will be here for the day.

Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, and Gov. Samuel Ralston of Indianapolis will deliver short addresses from the monument on the ground.

REFUSES SHRAPNEL ORDER

Head of Battle Creek Plant Turns
Down Huge War Contract.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., May 24.—A war order for shrapnel shells representing a business of \$3,000 a day, was refused by the Union Steam Pump Co. here today.

"I could not sleep easy with the thought that the product of our plant was murdering boys in Europe, although we could have used the additional work right now very easily," said C. E. Cobb, president of the company.

"If the United States wanted shrapnel I would make it."

FARMER DIES SUDDENLY

Was Loading Cow and Rope Was Still
in Hand When Body Is Found.

BAY CITY, Mich., May 24.—While leading a cow today Peter Miesch, 70 years old, dropped dead on the Tuscola road. Fred Wagner, farmer, came along just after the man fell and found him with the rope still in his hand and the animal grazing at the roadside.

WOULD VACCINATE HOGS

New Agricultural Expert Is Advocate
of Modern Fight Against Cholera.

CONSTANTINE, May 24.—This year for the first time St. Joe county has a county agriculturalist, J. M. Wendt, a graduate of the M. A. C., who is doing some good work in arousing the farmers to act against the scourge of hog cholera before it is too late. Last year this county had an epidemic of this disease which cost the farmers of St. Joe many thousands of dollars. At present there are five cases in the county, three in Park township, one in Fabius and one in Mendon.

Mr. Wendt advocates the use of vaccinating serum for well hogs that are in the neighborhood of the disease and reminds the farmers that this serum can be obtained from the farm bureau at Centerville at a merely nominal cost.

MAY PUT DORMITORIES
ON STATE U. CAMPUS

Committee Investigates Means
to Carry Out Proposal at
Bloomington.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 24.—Following the system at some of the larger universities of the country, a movement has been started for dormitories and organization houses on the campus of Indiana university. The ultimate idea of those behind the plan at the state university is to have every student of the university live on the campus.

Prof. C. M. Hepburn of the law school, is at the head of the committee investigating the proposal. He is investigating a plan which was intended to provide a means by which all sororities, fraternities, clubhouses and dormitories could finally be situated on the campus. Since the site of the university belongs to the state the trustees are powerless to grant free sites, and this is one of the problems which confronts Prof. Hepburn. Another factor of the situation is that many of the organizations building new homes place mortgages on the property. Should a mortgage be essential for the construction of a building it would be impossible, should the state provide the site, to levy a mortgage unless the legislature should grant the privilege of a 99-year lease.

At Cornell, where the university owns the campus, such leases are granted with the privilege of a renewal for the same length of time. Such movements as the one here are being started at Northwestern Kansas and many other large universities.

Dr. Bryan has appointed a committee to work with the end in view of bringing the organizations and unorganized students closer to the university. Dr. Bryan said his greatest hope was to get all the students to live as closely together as possible, so as to destroy the propensity toward class segregation.

RAISES CROP OF WEEDS

Gardner at Milton Mistakes Spanish
Needles for Tomatoes.

MILTON, Ind., May 24.—A story recently came out on "Willard Ten Eyck of this place, who counts himself a fine gardener. He gave Frank Rothmel several tomato plants, remarking that they were the finest he had ever grown. Mr. Rothmel took extra care in planting the tomatoes and carefully tended them. It developed later that they were not tomatoes but Spanish needles. Both Mr. Ten Eyck and Mr. Rothmel are disgusted, the first because he did not know the difference between a tomato plant and a Spanish needle, and the other because of his cultivation of the obnoxious weed.

WILL HOLD ELECTION

Vote on Local Option Will Be Taken
at Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH, Ind., May 24.—Plymouth will hold an option election Tuesday and the campaign has developed into unusual activity. The "wets" are using much space in the papers, and the "drys" are holding mass meetings. Both sides are using circular literature. R. C. Minton of Indianapolis spoke last night for the "drys." A. C. Rankin spoke Sunday night and Fred Landis of Logansport is to speak at a mass meeting Monday night. Two years ago the city went "wet" by 181.

CATCHES MARKED TURTLE

Animal Released in 1885 Found After
30 Years.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 24.—Thirty years ago John J. Vehoe of this city, who is now dead, marked the capture of a turtle he caught and then released it. The turtle was caught again Tuesday in a green river near Spottsville, Ky., a few miles above here. "John J. Vehoe," Oct. 2, 1885, the cuts in the shells read. James Vandoit, a fisherman at Spottsville, caught the turtle and brought it to Evansville. Robert Handle, a river man here, who was a friend of Vehoe, says he remembers when Vehoe marked the turtle and turned it loose. Handle bought the turtle from the fisherman, cut his own initials and date on the shell, and released it again.

PLACE TABLET ON GRAVE

Daughters of War of 1812 Honor Rev.
John Longley.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 24.—The Phillip Schoff chapter of the Daughters of the War of 1812 have placed a tablet on the monument at the grave of the Rev. John Longley in Greenbush cemetery. Mrs. Frank C. Morrison, regent of the chapter; Mrs. John A. Talbot, treasurer, and Mrs. Mary E. Latta, who is also a member of the chapter and a daughter of the Rev. Mr. Longley, came from Indianapolis for the exercises. The Rev. Mr. Longley was a chaplain in the War of 1812 and died here in 1867 at the age of 88. He was pastor of the Christian church in Lafayette from 1844 to 1858.

DRYS SUMMON FORCES
FOR STATE CAMPAIGN

Will Gather at Lansing June 10
for Plans Against the
Michigan Saloons.

LANSING, Mich., May 24.—With the meeting here on June 10 restricted to trustees, the Michigan Anti-Saloon league plans to start its petitions for state wide prohibition from that gathering.

It was intended to have a big mass meeting on that date, but this plan has been abandoned. Although the "drys" figure it will not take them long to get the required signatures to the petitions, they argue that the more signatures they get the greater the moral lesson to the people of the state. Hence, although the election will not occur until the fall of 1916, they want a full year to get the names of signers. Forty-five thousand names are needed, but they plan to have at least double that.

The plans for getting the names through the cooperation of the various county associations, to say nothing of the granders, the gleasers, lodges and other societies which are naturally "dry," will be completed at the session of the trustees and from that time on efforts to turn Michigan "dry" will be unrelenting.

BRIEFS.

GRAND HAVEN.—After hanging the end of his clothes line, Clarence VanDongen, 12 years old, stepped down from a chair, caught his ring on a hook nailed to the post and stripped the flesh from his finger, making amputation necessary.

PETOSKEY.—One hundred and thirty-five Petoskey school children danced and sang in the first number of the annual May festival before a large audience at the high school auditorium. The funds are to be used for musical uplift work.

GREENVILLE.—A. D. Fisher, who arrived in this city recently from the Panama canal, where he has been assisting to dig the big ditch, has bought a large farm west of Greenville, and intends to make his home.

MUSKEGON.—W. A. Hoyt and Norman Beecher, both of Grand Rapids, have purchased the Orpheum theater in this city from Joseph Richter. The house will be operated as a film theater.

MUSKEGON.—Work is rapidly going forward on the rebuilding of the Crosby freighter. Coasting now tied up at the local wharf of the Crosby Transportation Co.

HOLLAND.—Mel Trotter of Grand Rapids will speak in Holland in the Third Reformed church Monday evening on the subject, "The Value of Personal Work."

HOLLAND.—The Reformed churches in this city have endorsed the action of Hope college in an effort to have the general synod hold its 116 session here.

CADILLAC.—Officers and residents of this city are looking for the person who has been poisoning some of the most valuable dogs owned here.

GRAND HAVEN.—Peter DeKok, 82 years old, a resident of this city for several years, is dead.

EAST LANSING.—According to a bulletin compiled by the Michigan Agricultural college, barnyard manure is worth \$1,062,000,000 annually to the agricultural interests of the country if properly handled.

CADILLAC.—The last block department of Williams Brothers' plant has been closed down, the earliest closing in several years. The sawmill will be operated during the summer and fall.

PETOSKEY.—The police are looking for Roy Berry, local restaurant keeper, who is charged with violating the local option law by selling a quart of whisky.

BENTON HARBOR.—Eugene Matthews, 23 years old, of Ewart, nearly had his foot torn off when caught in the wheels of a Pere Marquette train.

LOGANSPORT.—The congregation of the Calvary Presbyterian church has accepted the resignation of the Rev. Frank Harper Hays, to take effect the last Sunday in June.

SHELBYVILLE.—After squandering in three months, \$8,000 which he had fallen heir to, Edward Driscoll of Auburn was arrested for drunkenness.

COLUMBUS.—That 833 residents of Bartholomew county have died of tuberculosis during the last 15 years is shown by figures secured by Dr. James H. Morrison, health commissioner of the county.

FORT WAYNE.—The police have found that counterfeit \$5 bills have been circulated here recently. The bills are cleverly engraved and at first glance seem to be perfect. A careful scrutiny shows that the expression on the Indian's face, however, is nothing like the original.

KENDALLVILLE.—A runaway automobile caused excitement on the main street here by scattering teams and pedestrians and finally coming to a stop after crashing into a plate glass window. A. S. Boszor, owner of the machine, cranked it when the throttle was open.

EVANSVILLE.—Because of the feeling regarding the sinking of the steamer Lusitania, the members of Major Fee camp, Spanish-American war veterans, have given up the idea of sinking a model of the liner in the Ohio river on Memorial day.

WALKERTON, IND.

Mrs. Alta Lowe of Culver is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Spitzer. Roy Paul of Chicago is here to spend the summer with his father, Jacob Paul.

Edward Trost, who is employed in Taylorville, Ill., visited at home last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Trost.

Miss Minnie Whitecomb of Middlebury is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum.

Miss Agnes Quirk is visiting relatives in Chicago.

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